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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT SEMINAR ON EMERGENCY MEDICAL DIETARY  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - EMDAP

REF: (A) LA PAZ 6052, (B) STATE 172279

1. DEPARTMENT FEELS THAT INPUT FROM EXPERIENCED OFFICERS  
IN THE FIELD IS VITAL TO DEVELOPMENT OF A SUCCESSFUL  
PROGRAM, AND THAT IT IS ONLY POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE ADEQUATE  
INPUT BY GIVE AND TAKE DISCUSSIONS AMONG POST OFFICERS, THE  
SCS STAFF, M/MED, L/SCA AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE AMERICAN  
NUTRITION INSTITUTE.

2. THE SEMINAR IS NOT JUST A TRAINING VEHICLE FOR PROGRAM  
IMPLEMENTATION, IT IS A VITAL PART OF THE PROGRAM DEVELOP-  
MENT. FOR THIS REASON, WE CONSIDER IT IMPERATIVE THAT  
CONSULAR OFFICERS SUCH AS VICE CONSUL BLOHM WHO HAVE HAD  
ACTUAL EXPERIENCE IN DEALING WITH PRISONERS AND PRISONER  
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PROBLEMS BE AT THE CONFERENCE TO PROVIDE THE BENEFITS OF  
THEIR EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE.

3. DEPARTMENT OF COURSE WELCOMES THOMAS MURPHY'S PARTICIPA-  
TION IN THE CONFERENCE, OR AT LEAST ANY PORTION OF IT HE  
FEELS HE CAN ATTEND WITHOUT UNDULY INTERFERING WITH HIS

ONGOING CONSULAR TRAINING AT FSI. MR. MURPHY IS PRESENTLY  
TRYING TO REARRANGE HIS FSI SCHEDULE TO PERMIT AS MUCH  
PARTICIPATION IN THE SEMINAR AS POSSIBLE.

4. DEPARTMENT IS MOST SYMPATHETIC TO POST STAFFING  
PROBLEMS AT THIS TIME BUT BELIEVES SENDING VC BLOHM  
SUFFICIENTLY VITAL EVEN IF IT MEANS DETAILING OFFICER  
FROM ANOTHER SECTION TO SPEND A FULL WEEK IN THE CONSULAR  
SECTION DURING THE ABSENCE OF YOUR REPRESENTATIVE. CHRISTOPHER

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